

Generic Core-Scoring Guide for the AP European History DBQ

(Score Scale 0-9)

BASIC CORE		EXPANDED CORE	
Points		Points	
1) Has acceptable thesis.	1	Expands beyond basic core of 1 to 6 points. A student must earn 6 points in the basic core area before earning points in the expanded core area. Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has a clear, analytical, and comprehensive thesis. Uses all or almost all documents. Uses documents persuasively as evidence. Shows careful and insightful analysis of the documents. Analyzes bias or point of view in at least four documents cited in the essay. Analyzes documents in additional ways — additional groupings or other. Brings in relevant "outside" historical content. 	0-3
2) Uses a majority of documents.	1		
3) Supports thesis with appropriate evidence from documents.	1		
4) Understands the basic meaning of documents cited in the essay. (May misinterpret one document.)	1		
5) Analyzes bias or point of view in at least three documents.	1		
6) Analyzes documents by grouping them in one (or two or three) ways, depending on DBQ question.	1		
Subtotal	6	Subtotal	3
		TOTAL	9